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REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/776,675

Filing Date: February 6, 2001

First Named Inventor: Nobuo ISHII

Group Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: A. Growell

Attorney Docket Number: 08038.0048

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

a. ☐ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed:

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:

- i. ☒ \$750.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time for (3 Months) \$930.00 09/05/2003 KZEWDIE 00000030 09776675
- iii. ☐ Other _____ 01 FC:1001 750.00 OP

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1680.00 is enclosed.c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

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Date: September 4, 2003

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For: MICROWAVE PLASMA)
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the final Office Action of March 7, 2003, the period for reply having been extended to September 8, 2003 (since September 7, 2003 is Sunday), by a Petition for a three-month extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicant concurrently files a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 with this Amendment. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are included in the attached Replacement Sheets of Drawings. The amendments to the drawings are discussed in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include three Replacement Sheets for Figs. 1a, 1b, 2, 3, and 5.